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<p>1. As late as 1953 the name of Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, the former Premier of Poland and President of the PSL (Polskie Stronnictwo Ludowe) Polish Peasant Party, was still well known and discussed by the Poles. Although hundreds of Mikolajczyk's co-workers were arrested after his escape from Poland in 1947, no general feeling of contempt was felt against him in the professional circles. 50X1-HUM He was considered a national hero for his valiant stand against Communism, especially in view of the fact that he attempted to battle Communism alone, with nothing but paper support from the West. 50X1-HUM</p> <p>2. Poland's agricultural population by 1953 decreased 40-45 percent from the early post World War II period, thereby eliminating Mikolajczyk's claim that the majority of the Poles are pro-Mikolajczyk or that the Peasant Party is the leading party in Poland. There is a strong feeling among the Poles that if and when Poland is again liberated, it's leaders will be chosen by them. They respect their national heroes and their symbolic government in exile, but there is not a single Pole, whether peasant or university professor, who did not share this opinion. 50X1-HUM</p> <p>- end -</p>			
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